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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): ~~1.~~ A method of treating and alleviating human afflictions, ailments and diseases holistically by application of magnetism to a plurality of treating regions of the trunk of a person being treated in such way to bring the body meridian systems into a balance and harmony, the method comprises the steps of:

providing magnet means having at least one north pole surface adapted for application to ~~the~~ said plurality of treating regions of the trunk, said north pole surface being in direct contact with the surface of said trunk;

~~designating at least three treating regions of the~~ a total treating region to the trunk having a total size of about 1204 square inches, covering about 28" x 43" of ~~a~~ the total trunk region all the way around said trunk, said total treating region being divided into at least ~~3-sub~~ first, second and third treating regions, according to shape of the trunk and meridian balance structure;

applying the north pole surface of said the magnet means to at least one of the ~~plurality of~~ said treating regions of the trunk, ~~the~~ said magnet means having a size and shape appropriate to cover at least part of one of said ~~one of the~~ treating regions of the trunk; and

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maintaining ~~the~~ said magnet means in contact with the at least one of the said treating regions of the trunk for a period of 15 to 180 minutes to heal and relieve afflictions, wherein the total flux of ~~the~~ said magnetic means applied to the at least one of the said treating regions of the trunk being in the range from about ~~30~~ 1000 $\phi$  - 250,000 $\phi$

2. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further including the step of repeating the application of the magnet means for at least one additional period of time.

3. (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising repeating the time period for treatment at least once in a 24 hour period in an interval of about 2-10 hours in accordance with treatment progress.

4. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further including: applying the magnet means to said first, second and third ~~each region of the plurality of~~ treating regions, said first treating region representing ~~A for the~~ chest and upper back part, ~~B for~~ said second treating region representing the upper abdominal and middle back part and ~~C for~~ said third treating region representing the lower abdominal and lower back part of the trunk.

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5. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further including applying the magnet means to said ~~the plurality of~~ treating regions in the order of ~~A for chest and upper back region and B for upper abdomen and middle back region, C for lower abdomen and lower back region,~~ or in reverse order.

6. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further including first applying the magnet means ~~first to one selected area of the~~ said first treating regions region of the trunk of the person and then applying the magnet means to ~~the other selected area of the~~ said second treating regions region of the trunk of the person.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further including applying the said magnet means to said first and second treating ~~multiple~~ regions of the trunk of a person concurrently.

9. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further including applying the magnet means to ~~all~~ said first, second and third treating regions of the trunk of a person concurrently.

10. (canceled)

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11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the total flux of the magnet applied to said first, second and third ~~each one of the plurality of~~ treating regions of the trunk of the person is substantially equal.

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (canceled)

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20. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising applying the said magnet means to the said first, second and third treating region ~~or regions~~ concurrently by disposing the magnet in horizontal order all the way around the trunk in parallel to a horizontal waist line of the trunk so that all the meridians disposed in the trunk of the body are treated simultaneously and equally in balance for a balanced treatment.

21. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising applying the said magnet means to said first, second and third treating ~~the treating region or regions~~ concurrently by disposing said magnet means ~~the magnet or magnets~~ in horizontal order all the way around the trunk in parallel to a horizontal waistline of the trunk so that all the meridians disposed in the trunk of the body are treated simultaneously and equally in balance for a balanced treatment.

22. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising applying multiple magnet means magnets to the said first, second and third treating region ~~or regions~~ concurrently by disposing said magnet means ~~the magnets~~ evenly, spaced apart, at an equal distance, throughout ~~a region or~~ said treating regions so that all parts of the treating regions of the trunk of a person are treated equally with total magnetic flux for a balanced treatment.

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23. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising applying additional magnets magnet means of substantially equal total flux to ~~the~~ said first, second and third treating regions of the trunk of the person for a balanced treatment.

24. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising applying ~~the~~ said magnet means consecutively or at intervals to said first, second or third selected treating regions of the trunk of the person for equal time periods for a balanced treatment.

25. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising substantially covering the entire surface plurality of said first, second and third treating regions of the trunk with the north pole surface of ~~the~~ said magnet means.

26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising partially covering the surface of said first, second and third ~~each of the~~ treating regions of the trunk with the north pole surface of ~~the~~ said magnet means.

28. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further including maintaining contact of the magnet means for a time period sufficient for the person to produce a pain mitigation and relief from ailing part of the body.

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29. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further ~~including~~ providing  
~~disposing~~ retaining means for holding ~~the~~ said magnet means to the trunk to provide  
effective contact of the north pole surface of ~~the~~ said magnet means with the trunk.

30. (canceled)

31. (canceled)

32. (canceled)